



**Pike County Health Coalition Meeting
Minutes
Held Thursday, January 29, 2015
At Pike County General Health District in Waverly**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Wally Burden, Health Commissioner at the Pike County General Health District. The sign-in sheet for the meeting (separate) indicated twenty-nine (29) in attendance.

Mr. Burden introduced Mr. Richard (Rick) Hodges, Director, of the Ohio Department of Health.

Mr. Hodges outlined some of the state's priorities for health improvement and stated that everyone needed to work together to transform Health in Ohio. He explained that public health and clinical care fields are being challenged by Federal and State efforts to address healthcare issues but these challenges could present opportunities. Some of the challenges identified were:

- ✓ President Obama's Affordable Care Act
- ✓ Extension of Medicaid coverage in Ohio
- ✓ Ohio's efforts to increase value/ROI on healthcare spending
- ✓ State/Federal budget constraints

Mr. Hodges explained that the Ohio Department of Health's Public Health Core Responsibilities are:

- ✓ Infectious Disease
- ✓ Preparedness
- ✓ Health Improvement and Wellness
- ✓ Health Equity and Access
- ✓ Emergency Response
- ✓ Environmental Health
- ✓ Regulatory Compliance

Other topics included:

Highlight Cross Cutting Issue

- ✓ Commitment to Curbing Tobacco Use
- ✓ \$26.9 Million in MSA Funds to tobacco prevention and cessation programming

Strategies include the use of:

- ✓ Media
- ✓ Ohio Tobacco Collaborative
- ✓ 1-800-QUIT-Now

Mr. Hodges told committee members that the 2014 Pike County Health Assessment and the 2012-14 State of Ohio Health Plan were available at the Ohio Department of Health website. (Also available at the Pike County Health Coalition website.)

He explained that as a component of the public health agency accreditation process, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) convened public health partners and stakeholders to first complete a State Health Assessment (SHA) and from it develop the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). He explained that both the SHA and the SHIP have been conducted with input from a multi-sectorial, statewide Planning Council. The process began in 2010 with the SHA, which was completed in 2011. This document was created to help identify and better address the population health needs of the state. The SHA identified indicators and data for areas of focus addressing:

- ✓ disease burden, including data on the leading causes of death in Ohio
- ✓ the prevalence of chronic, communicable, and infectious diseases
- ✓ unintentional and intentional injury rates
- ✓ health behaviors
- ✓ clinical risk factors, and recommended care
- ✓ maternal and child health
- ✓ health system access
- ✓ environmental health

Infant Mortality and Prematurity in Ohio (www.pikecountyhealthcoalition.com)

Gary Roberts spoke with attendees about Infant Mortality and Prematurity in Ohio. He explained that Pike County has one of the highest rates in the State for Infant Mortality and Prematurity.

- ✓ Infant mortality rates by state, 2010 Ohio 7.00-7.99 (U.S. Rate=6.5)
- ✓ Infant mortality rate by county 2006-2010 (Pike County 9.3 and above)
- ✓ Percent of Preterm Births by County 2008-2011 (Pike >13%)
- ✓ Percent of Low Birth Weight Births by County 2008-2011 (Pike >8%)
- ✓ Birth Rate to Adolescents aged 15-17 years by County 2009-2011 (Pike 23.50 and above)

Please go to the Pike County Health Coalition website for more information.

State Health Improvement Plan

Mr. Burden spoke with committee members about priorities for Pike County. Priorities included:

- ✓ Access to care
- ✓ Infant Mortality/and Prematurity
- ✓ Chronic Disease
- ✓ Injury/Violence
- ✓ Integration of physician & mental health
- ✓ Public Health Assistance Funding
- ✓ Electronic Health Record Exchange
- ✓ Workforce Development (training health care personnel)

Mr. Burden asked committee members to break up into smaller groups and prioritize the following topics to be included in the local health prevention plan. Topics included:

- ✓ Infant Mortality
- ✓ Smoking
- ✓ Lung Cancer
- ✓ Colon Cancer
- ✓ Mental Health
- ✓ Cardio Vascular
- ✓ HEP C/Drugs
- ✓ Obesity
- ✓ Health Literacy
- ✓ Diabetes
- ✓ Automobile Accidents

At the next meeting groups will be formed to address the most important prioritized topics listed above.

Mr. Roberts announced the continued development of the Pike County Health Coalition website and reminded those in attendance to email Jack Cooper (jcooper@pikecac.org) with any updates and/or upcoming health-related events to be posted on the website.

The next meeting date has yet to be determined. The location of the meeting will be at the Pike County General Health District conference room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.